

VERMONT LEGISLATURE.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 1845.
Agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Vermont, the Senators and Representatives, elected to the State House on Thursday, the 9th day of Oct. A. D. 1845.

SENATE.

10 o'clock. A. M.
The Secretary of last year's Senate called the body to order.
Prayer was offered by Rev John Gridley.

The roll of Senators was called, whereupon it appeared that all the Senators were present except Mr. Marshall of Essex.
The oath of office having been administered, the Secretary announced that His Honor, Horace Eaton, being absent, the first business in order was the election of a President pro tem.

Mr. Bradley nominated Mr. J. Barrett. Mr. Richardson nominated Mr. L. B. Vilas.
Messrs. Noyes and Sabin were appointed tellers.

Mr. Barrett, having received 22 of 28 votes, was declared elected, and took the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Morgan the Senate proceeded to the election of Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. T. T. Barrett nominated De Witt C. Clarke Esq. of Brandon, and Mr. Noyes nominated Luther E. Poland Esq. of Montpelier.

Messrs. Richardson and Chittenden were appointed tellers.

Mr. Clarke, having received 22 of 28 votes, was declared elected, and was sworn.

For Assistant Secretary Mr. Winn nominated Frederick Billings of Woodstock, and Mr. Smith Charles Reed Esq. of Montpelier.

Messrs. Clapp and Vilas were appointed tellers.

Mr. Billings, having received 22 of 28 votes, was declared elected, and took the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Sabin, the Senate proceeded to the choice of Chaplain, and Rev. John Gridley was nearly unanimously elected.

The Chair appointed the following Senators canvassing Committee on the part of the Senate:

Messrs. Howe, Hurd, Chittenden, Billings, Woodbridge, Olson, Bellows, Page, Smith, Bemis, Marshall, Noyes, Simonds, Ladd.

Resolutions. By Mr. Woodbridge, that the rules of the last session be established as the rules of this, until otherwise ordered; adopted. By Mr. Hodges, that a committee of two be appointed to inform His Excellency the Governor of the organization of the Senate; adopted. Messrs. Noyes and Smith were appointed the committee.

By Mr. T. T. Barrett that the Secretary cause to be provided one daily and one weekly newspaper for the use of the President, Secretary and each Senator; adopted.

Joint Resolutions. By Mr. Morgan, that both Houses meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon to hear the report of the canvassing committee. By Mr. Morgan, that the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House procure to be published 400 copies of a Legislative Directory for the use of the Legislature. By Mr. Woodbridge, that the joint rules of last session be established as the joint rules of this, until otherwise ordered. Severally adopted.

Mr. Sabin moved that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock; carried.

HOUSE.

At ten o'clock A. M., the members elected having met in the Representatives' Hall, were called to order by the Secretary of State, qualified and directed to the election of Speaker.

Mr. Swift nominated Hon. E. N. Briggs of Brandon. Mr. Marston nominated Hon. Daniel Kellogg of Rockingham, and Mr. Beers nominated Reuben Farnsworth Esq. of Westford. The ballot resulted as follows:

E. N. Briggs, 105
Daniel Kellogg, 68
Reuben Farnsworth, 9
Orlando Stevens, 5
J. T. Marston, 1
John A. Beers, 1

Whole number, 189.
So the Hon. E. N. Briggs was elected, who signified his acceptance, in a brief address, invoking the indulgence of the House for any errors into which he may fall, and expressing his confidence that order and decorum will be strictly observed, and the business of the session completed as speedily as is consistent with the deliberation due to every topic of legislation.

The House then proceeded to ballot for Clerk pro tempore, and Ferdinand F. Merrill Esq. of Montpelier, was elected:

Ferdinand F. Merrill, 118
Charles G. Eastman, 62
R. V. Marsh, 10

On motion of Mr. Adams of Grand Isle, the rules of the House for the last session were adopted for the time being.

A resolution of the Senate, for a joint assembly at 3 P. M. this day, to hear the report of the canvassing committee, was concurred in.

The Speaker nominated and the House appointed the following gentlemen to join the committee of the Senate and canvass the votes for State officers:

Bennington—Messrs. Blackmer, Bentley, Gardiner.
Windham—Messrs. Wall, Stoddard, Morse.
Rutland—Messrs. Gilmore of Rutland, Clark, Maxham.
Addison—Messrs. Lawrence, Frost, Strong of Starksboro'.
Orange—Messrs. Jones, Buchanan, Burton.
Chittenden—Messrs. Pease, Fletcher, Fairchild.
Washington—Messrs. Tilden, Holden, Carpenter.
Caledonia—Messrs. Fairbanks, Wesson, Wilmarth.
Franklin—Messrs. Clark, Mason, Drury.
Orleans—Messrs. Nelson, Wheelock, Blacklock.

Lamoille—Messrs. Keeley, Waterman, Benson.
Essex—Messrs. Howe, Fry, Crawford.
Grand Isle—Messrs. Adams, Davis, Holcomb.

Mr. Rice of Somerset introduced a resolution adopting the joint rules of the last session for the time being; adopted.

Mr. Ballou introduced a resolution providing that the Speaker shall invite the clergymen of Montpelier to officiate in rotation as chaplains of the House; adopted.

Mr. Matham introduced a resolution for one daily and one weekly paper to each member; adopted.

Mr. Crowley introduced a resolution to adjourn to 5 P. M. this day, when the House adjourns; adopted.

Mr. Matham introduced a resolution for 400 copies of the Legislative Directory; adopted. Adjourned.

SENATE—Afternoon.
Mr. Marshall of Essex appeared, was sworn, and took his seat.

House Resolution. That the joint rules of last session be adopted as the joint rules of the present, until otherwise ordered; concurred in.

The hour having arrived for going into joint assembly, the Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives.

The Senate having returned from joint assembly, Mr. Noyes introduced a joint resolution providing for a joint assembly at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the election of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer for the year ensuing; adopted.

Mr. Hodges introduced a joint resolution providing for County Conventions on Friday, at 3 o'clock P. M. to nominate County officers, and for a joint assembly on Saturday next at 10 A. M. to make the county appointments; adopted.

The hour designated for joint assembly having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

On the return of the Senate, Mr. Sabin moved that a committee be appointed to inform His Honor Horace Eaton, of his election as Lieut. Governor; carried.

Messrs. Sabin and Richardson were appointed the committee.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—Afternoon.
A resolution from the Senate, for a Legislative Directory, was concurred in.

The Senate came in, when the canvassing committee reported the votes for State officers as follows:

For Governor,
Wm. Slade, 22,770
Daniel Kellogg, 18,589
Wm. R. Shafter, 6,534
Scattering, 362
Total, 48,260

For Lieut. Governor,
Horace Eaton, 23,204
Wyllis Lyman, 18,402
Horatio Needham, 6,503
Scattering, 99
Total, 48,208

For Treasurer,
John Spaulding, 23,088
Daniel Baldwin, 18,494
Zenas Wood, 6,434
Scattering, 10
Total, 48,026

The Senate retired.
The memorial of S. Danforth and 31 others praying for improvement in common schools, was referred to the committee on Education.

A resolution from the Senate, to elect State Officers at 4 o'clock this afternoon, was concurred in.

Mr. Rice of Somerset introduced a resolution to meet in county and probate district conventions on Friday next, 3 o'clock P. M., to nominate county officers and Judges of probate, and that both Houses meet on Saturday, at 3 o'clock P. M., to complete the appointments; adopted.

The Senate came in, and the joint assembly proceeded to elect State officers with the following results:

For Governor,
William Slade, 132 elected.
Daniel Kellogg, 75
Wm. R. Shafter, 14
Total, 221

For Lieut. Governor,
Horace Eaton, 136 elected.
Wyllis Lyman, 73
Horatio Needham, 12
Blank, 1
Total, 222

For Treasurer,
John Spaulding, 136 elected.
Daniel Baldwin, 75
Zenas Wood, 12
Total, 223

The Senate withdrew. Adjourned.

SENATE.
Friday, Oct. 10, 1845.
Prayer by the Chaplain.

His Honor Horace Eaton appeared and took the oath of office. On taking the chair, the President made a brief but elegant address to the Senate, expressive of his lively sense of the honor conferred upon him, and of his deep anxiety to fill the duties of his station impartially and faithfully.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor elect, informing the Senate of his intention, to take the oath of office at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and to deliver his message at ten o'clock A. M. tomorrow, and also announcing his appointment of George H. Branan as Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Billings, the Senate proceeded to the election of standing Committees as follows:

On Finance—Messrs. Rich, Fifeild, Olson.
On Judiciary—Messrs. J. Barrett, Vilas, Woodbridge.
On Claims—Messrs. Hurd, Noyes, Hodges.
On Education—Messrs. Sabin, Smith, Campbell.
On Agriculture—Messrs. Button, Ladd, Howe.
On Manufactures—Messrs. Winn, Billings, Richardson.
On Elections—Messrs. Morgan, Fifeild, Clapp.
On Military Affairs—Messrs. T. T. Barrett, Page, Brownell.

On Roads and Canals—Messrs. Chittenden, Marshall, Bellows.
On Banks—Messrs. Bradley, Smith, Slater.
On Land Taxes—Messrs. Bemis, Richardson, Simonds.

Messrs. J. Barrett, Vilas, Hodges were appointed by the chair a Committee on Rules.

Resolution. From the House, designating 3 o'clock this afternoon for county conventions, and 10 o'clock tomorrow for joint assembly to make county appointments, concurred in.

Bill introduced. By Mr. J. Barrett, authorizing appeals to the Supreme Court from the orders and decrees of any Chancellor, affecting the Safety Fund; referred to Com. on Banks.

Petitions Presented. By Mr. Billings, of Martin Perry and 40 others; by Mr. Campbell, of David Allen and others; by Mr. J. Barrett, of Joel Clapp and 72 others, severally referred to the Committee on Education. By Mr. Campbell, of Sylvester Grosz, referred to Judiciary Committee. By Mr. T. T. Barrett, of Wm. Rounds, Jr., referred to Committee on Claims.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.
Prayer by Rev Mr. Manser.

The chair appointed the committee on rules—Messrs. Swift, Kellogg, and Stevens.

The Governor sent a communication to the House—(same as to the Senate).

Resolutions. By Mr. Billings, a joint assembly 10 A. M. Wednesday next, to elect Judge of the Supreme Court and Secretary of State, laid on the table. By Mr. Fairbanks, instructing the judiciary committee to examine the railroad charters of this state and enquire whether any legislation is necessary to place all on an equal basis, and especially in reference to the taxation on stock.

Mr. F. made explanatory remarks—urging justice and equality to all companies, consistent with a sacred regard to the faith of the state, which we hope to give in full hereafter.

The resolution was passed.

Bill introduced. By Mr. Swift, taxing Addison Co., which was referred to the members from that county.

The House proceeded to ballot for Clerk, when FERRAND F. MERRILL Esq., of Montpelier, was elected:

F. F. Merrill, 114
C. G. Eastman, 61
R. V. Marsh, 10
Jos. Danforth, 1

Petitions Referred. Of Peter Starr and others for a renewal of the charter of the Bank of Middlebury to the committee on Banks; of Artmas Dixon, to the Committee on Claims; of Asa George and others, and C. Shipman and others to restore the enrolled militia to the same footing as under the law of 1818 to committee on military affairs; of E. D. Barber and 56 others, Wm. L. Hawkins and 21 others to the committee on education; of John Kelton and others, to form Avery's Gore and a part of Ripston into a town, to select a committee of three; of Persillon Moore, to the General Committee.

Adjourned.

SENATE.
2 o'clock, p. m.
Report. Of committee on banks, in favor of the bill amending Chap. 80 of the Revised Statutes.

The bill was taken up and passed.

Joint Resolution. By Mr. Billings to appoint a committee of two, on the part of the Senate, to prepare joint rules; adopted.

Petitions Presented. By Mr. Woodbridge, of Amos Bailey and 43 others; by Mr. Olson, of O. L. Shafter and 48 others; of Moses Bliss and 17 others, of J. N. Staples and 51 others; by Mr. Button, of L. M. Walker and 78 others; by Mr. Chittenden, of D. A. Barber and 78 others—all referred to the committee on education.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.
Petitions. Of Charles F. Adams and 440 others, Zimri Howe and ninety others, Benj. Macley and 25 others, O. L. Shafter and 48 others, Nahum Peck and 103 others, Jonas G. Stiles and 48 others, D. R. Barber and 98 others, David Downs and 20 others, John H. Myers and 92 others, Heman Barnow and 10 others, James Roberts and 9 others, John H. Worcester and 144 others, Horace Wilcox and 48 others, Timothy Shedd and 48 others, Truman Galusha and 60 others, Samuel Mills and 15 others, Lewis M. Walker and 77 others, all asking for an improvement in common schools, referred to the committee on education. OFR W. Keyes and 241 others for an alteration of the militia law, to committee on military affairs. Of Enos Merrill and others, on peace, laid on the table to be referred with other petitions on the same subject. Of Horace Loomis and 39 others and E. T. Englesby and 71 others, referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bills introduced. By Mr. Russell, taxing Chittenden county 3 cents on the list of 1845; referred to members of that county. By Mr. Goodhue, to repeal act of 1842 relating to collection of State taxes, referred to general committee. By Mr. Russell to incorporate the Winoski Mill Company, referred to Judiciary Committee.

Resolution. By Mr. Stevens for a joint assembly tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m. to elect Secretary of State and Auditor of Accounts; adopted.

Adj.

SENATE.
Saturday, Oct. 11.

A long and interesting memorial was presented by Mr. Campbell from Thomas H. Palmer upon the subject of Education, which was read, and was referred to the committee on Education.

Bill introduced. By Mr. Hurd, to incorporate the Bennington County Bank, to be located at Manchester; referred to the committee on Banks.

A communication was received from the Sergeant at Arms, announcing his appointment of Henry Isham as Doorkeeper, and of Channey W. Ruble, as Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate.

The President announced his appointment of Charles J. Loomis as Messenger of the Senate.

The Senate went into joint assembly. On returning adjourned.

HOUSE.
The Sergeant at Arms reported the following list of officers of the House, which was approved by the Speaker:

Moses Hawks, Door Keeper.
Norman Dorant.
A. E. Field.
P. B. Parker.
Wm. H. Hartshorn, Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Swift, the memorial of Thomas H. Palmer, on the subject of Education, was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Branan, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, communicated the annual message of the Governor, which was read—a motion of Mr. Thomas to omit the reading for the time being, as printed copies were prepared, having been negatived, and on motion of Mr. Swift, 500 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

The Senate came in and the following appointments were made:

J. M. Shafter, of Burlington, Secretary of State—Shafter 136, Luke P. Poland 72, Benj. F. Haskell 12.

Silas H. Hodges, of Rutland, Auditor of Accounts against the State—Hodges 133, Wm. Sanborn 66, Zenas Wood 13, seat 2.

Peter T. Washburn, of Woodstock, Reporter of Supreme Court Decisions—Washburn 136, S. B. Mattocks 72, Hora Needham 3, scattering 1.

The joint assembly adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the House adjourned.

The afternoon was mainly devoted to county appointments, which will be given next week.

THE HERALD.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1845.

THE MCKENZIE LETTERS.
There seems to be great excitement among the Locomotives of New York, in consequence of the recent appearance in that city of a book containing the private correspondence of some of the leaders of that party entitled "The Lives and Opinions of Benjamin Franklin Butler, U. S. District Attorney, and Jesse Hoyt, Counsellor at Law, formerly Collector of Customs for the Port of New York, with Anecdotes and Biographical Sketches of Stephen Allen, Jacob Barker, William L. Marcy, Martin Van Buren, John Van Buren, E. F. Purdy, C. W. Lawrence, Walter Browne, M. M. Noah, J. G. Bennett, &c., &c.," and published by Mr. Wm. McKenzie, a distinguished Locomotive, and one whom Mr. Van Buren and others have petted and shown tokens of affectionate regard. It is a work of 150 pages, and filled with the private correspondence of the Leaders of the Tammany Hall party, which shows them up in their true light. Mr. McKenzie was at the time a Clerk in the N. Y. Custom House, and gives this account of the manner in which the correspondence fell into his hands.

"On Thursday, May 15, last, Mr. Goldson told me he had orders from Mr. Bogardus, Assistant Collector, to break open all the Custom House boxes that were locked, without keys, and their contents unknown, to sort their contents into 3000 new pigeon holes then nearly finished, if of use, and if not to send the boxes and their contents to the attic, where there are perhaps 200 tons more of miscellaneous 'recoits.' He then began to force open one of the Custom House 'pine boxes,' marked 'J. & L. HOYT'S LAW PAPERS'—called Edgar Stansbury, the carpenter, (who, with his brother, John Stansbury and James Armstrong were working in the same apartment), to aid him, and Stansbury broke a large screw driver twice, while opening it.

"The contents, like the contents of nearly 200 or 300 such pine boxes, was a mixture of papers, newspapers, circulars, private papers, scraps, love letters, letters about law affairs, letters from Virginia about Mrs. Andrew Jackson, petitions for offices, and papers about the Gold mines of Potosi. Mr. Corryell the other Clerk, came in just as Mr. Stansbury had finished opening it. The contents were turned out on the floor—and the first things that drew attention were Attorney General Van Buren's letters about his gambling, Stockjobbing &c. They were read by all with surprise.

"My notions of the value of public justice are such that I publicly copied the letters, have since printed them, and shall follow the matter up to the moment the Legislature meets if Heaven spares my life, unless a more suitable person is sooner appointed as Attorney General. Corrupt the fountains of justice to any people and what need they care for the forms of government?"

"Had Hoyt marked 'private' even on a Custom House trunk no one would have opened it—and had he sealed up the papers and endorsed that they were his private papers no one would have broken it. As it is, the case is very different, and I shall not only be acquitted in a law court upon legal grounds, but also have a verdict from society that I acted an honorable part.

There has been a tremendous sale of the work having exhausted the first edition in a very few days—a second one has already appeared, and it is stated that fifty thousand copies have been sold, notwithstanding Hoyt has sued out an injunction forbidding the publishers from circulating it under a penalty of \$10,000. He acknowledges the authenticity of the Letters, but says they were stolen!

"Such has been the failure of the corn crops in the upper districts of South Carolina, that conventions have been held and resolutions adopted to apply to the Legislature of the State to aid in purchasing food for the poor.

"The Governor of New Hampshire has appointed the 27th day of November next, for Thanksgiving.

WAGGERS VERMONT is now ready and will.

Governor's Message. The message of Governor Slade has been received, but in consequence of its great length we are unable to lay it before our readers this week.

GEORGIA ELECTION. The election of Governor and State legislature took place on Monday the 6th inst. in Georgia. The candidates for Governor are Crawford, the present whig incumbent, and McAlister, loco—both popular men. The returns thus far indicate a very close vote.

1835. 1844.
Counties, Crawford McAl. Clay Polk
Chatham, 700 715 817 835
Effingham, 226 111 193 86
Richmond, 747 474 503 647
Greene, 791 115 780 132
Baldwin, 315 268 324 307
Columbia, 245 maj. 492 307
Lincoln, 94 " 296 197

3118 1693 3795 2521
Whig gain thus far 139. Polk's majority in the state, 2146. The chances are in favor of the democrats. Whig representatives in all of the above counties except Chatham.

From the Scene of the Mormon Riot.
The Baltimore Sun says—Information has been received by the Laclede, at St. Louis, on the 1st inst., that Gen. Hardin, with two hundred men, marched on Carthage, and took the town. The Mormons, on the approach of the besieging force, took refuge in the Court House, which they fortified and prepared to defend. Gen. H. at once surrounded their citadel, and ordered them to surrender, giving them fifteen minutes to deliberate. At the end of that time they had laid down their arms, and were prisoners of war! This accomplished, they were permitted to depart on their patrol of honor!

LOOK OUT FOR COUNTERFEITS! Counterfeit Bills upon the Nabobs, Bank, N. H., of the denomination of \$5, have recently been put about pretty extensively in some sections of the country. They are on white paper—a quarter of an inch longer than the genuine, and differ in so many respects that they may be easily detected. In the spurious bill, the letter *a* is omitted in the word No. at the top of the bill. On the top left hand corner of the counterfeit bill, the word *vive* is printed in capital letters, on the tree bill there is a large *v* only. On the bottom left hand corner of the spurious bill there is a large figure 5, on the same corner of the true bill, the word *vive* is printed in capital letters. The faces of Washington and Franklin, in the vignette, are also defective.

SOMETHING NEW. We were permitted the other day to examine a machine now building by Mr. Vaughan of this place, and which is nearly completed, for the manufacture of the White State Pencils. It displays considerable ingenuity in its construction, and promises to be of great service to him in his business—doing the work of four men, and producing an article superior in finish to anything ever before manufactured, and only requiring the labor of a small child to tend it. We believe Mr. Vaughan is taking steps to get it patented.

For the Herald.
VERMONT RAIL ROADS.

The great question with the thinking portion of the people of Vermont at the present time is, are we (after so long a delay in making internal improvements) now to have two Rail Roads commenced simultaneously, running in parallel directions, and having one common terminus? The question to a portion of the people of Vermont, I doubt not, is at this time a painful one.

In *Paine* they trusted, as a leader, To show to all, their road a feeder. In *Paine*, their road will be suspended; Begun by *Paine*, and in *Paine* ended.

From first to last, every measure of the central Rail Road corporation, has been a painful concern; both in name and nature. The charter, was smuggled through the Legislature, by fraud and corruption. The clause, exempting the stock from taxation, was never read to the Representatives of the people of Vermont. Those Representatives never gave their vote understandingly to exempt stock from taxation. The Bargain with the Fitchburg Directors, (in order to head the Concord road) was conceived in corruption, and consummated by misrepresentation—a bargain that never can be fulfilled. The Rail Road commissioners of New Hampshire will never locate the Cheshire road so as to unite with the Central.

The friends of the Rutland road may depend upon it, that the whole of the stock to their road will be shortly taken up; and that too, without any conditions to clog its progress. The road will be built, and ere long, should Mr. Whitney's project succeed, we will have one continuous line of travel by steam from Boston to Oregon—the most direct and most feasible route from China to Europe.

New York may build the Hudson River road, and extend the same into the interior of Vermont, yet, with the Lake Champlain and Connetquot river road, Boston will take nearly all the business of western Vermont—for the good reason that New York is upwards of one hundred miles more distant.

THANKSGIVING.—The Governor of New Hampshire has appointed the 27th day of November next, for Thanksgiving.

WAGGERS VERMONT is now ready and will.

ing to throw all her surplus wealth into the lap of Boston, and has shown proof of sincerity in a way not to be misunderstood. Should the Bostonians neglect to take the small amount of stock not yet subscribed for, they will regret it, but once, and they will be all the days of their life. The feelings of friendship that now exist, would be changed to animosity; and a real market would be sought, which, however distant, would obtain favor with the people through an opposition to those that would not help themselves when assistance was proffered. But the Bostonians are too wise awake to let the present opportunity slip. It is of vital importance to them to have the trade of the rich valley of Otter Creek, together with a portion of Washington, Warren and Essex Counties N. Y., and which they cannot obtain by any other than the Rutland route.

In view of the whole subject, I cannot but believe that the stock will be taken up at once, and that the road will be located and under contract this fall. If so the Central route will be abandoned, for it never can compete for the through business, and as for the local business, the starch factories can not quite come it.

OTTER CREEK.

THE GREAT FIRE AT MONTREAL.
A correspondent of the N. Y. Commercial gives the following account of this fire—Griffin Town forms a compact portion of the city.

BERLINGTON, Vt., Oct. 4.
I was awakened from a sound sleep at the Exchange Coffee House, Montreal, this morning at about 3 o'clock, by the ringing of the fire bells; after hastily dressing, I proceeded to the scene of conflagration, and found several buildings on Queen and Wellington streets in a blaze of fire—men, women, children, pigs, cats, dogs, &c., shouting, screaming, crying and running, the picture of confusion and alarm.

The fire originated in a building on Queen street, occupied as a coffee manufactory and copper-smith's shop, where it could have been confined had there been decision and power to demolish a few small wooden buildings in the vicinity. The fire spread rapidly from building to building over nearly the entire block, from Queen street on the North to Prince street on the South, from Wellington street East to Gabriel street West, one house at the corner of Queen and Gabriel streets and part of a building at the corner of Queen and Wellington streets were saved in a damaged condition; the part of the one at the corner of Wellington and Queen was cut in two and the burning end severed from the other.

The fire crossed Prince street, consumed the next block, through to Nazareth street, and crossed Nazareth street, burning one or two buildings on the south side of that street, two or three were blown up to arrest the fire.

The buildings consumed were many of them of a rather ordinary kind, occupied by families in the humbler walks of life, the distress and privation therefore caused by this fire are great. There were a nail factory and a casting shop, several grocers and tavern stands, dwellings occupied by numerous poor families, a building where Church service has been held during summer, also a handsome Methodist Church and parsonage, several fine stone and brick stores, and dwellings and quite an amount of property destroyed.

I heard at the fire of no accidents, or loss of life. I have since heard a rumor that one woman had a limb broken, and that a child is supposed to have been burned, but I think there was no loss of life, as I was all around the burned district during the fire, obtaining all